

We claim:

1. A remote bidding supplement for traditional-style live auctions, comprising:

audio/video system means for streaming instantaneously and buffer-free live audio and video data from a live auction site to one or more remote auction bidders having bidding device means for receiving the data and for transmitting instantaneously remote auction bids for each item being auctioned at the live auction site;

clerk system means for controlling and accepting auction bids received at the live auction site from onsite auction bidders and from remote auction bidders for each item being auctioned at the live auction site;

marquee system means for displaying instantaneously at the live auction site auction bid information, including accepted auction bids, for each item being auctioned at the live auction site; and

bid system means for broadcasting instantaneously to all remote auction bidders and to the marquee system means the auction bid information for each item being auctioned at the live auction site, for receiving instantaneously auction bids from each remote auction bidder for each item being auctioned at the live auction site, for transmitting instantaneously to the clerk system means each remote auction bid received for each item being auctioned at the live auction, and for broadcasting instantaneously to all remote auction bidders and to the marquee system means the onsite and remote auction bids that have been accepted by the clerk system means.

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